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S. 1493

To establish a John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program to advance the development of public policy with respect to issues affecting senior citizens.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4, 1999

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “John Heinz Senate
5 Fellowship Program”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) Senator John Heinz believed that Congress
2 has a special responsibility to serve as a guardian
3 for those persons who cannot protect themselves.

4 (2) Senator Heinz dedicated much of his career
5 in Congress to improving the lives of senior citizens.

6 (3) It is especially appropriate to honor the
7 memory of Senator Heinz through the creation of a
8 Senate fellowship program to encourage the identi-
9 fication and training of new leadership in aging pol-
10 icy and to bring experts with firsthand experience of
11 aging issues to the assistance of the Congress in
12 order to advance the development of public policy in
13 issues that affect senior citizens.

14 **SEC. 3. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to encourage the identi-
16 fication and training of new leadership in issues affecting
17 senior citizens and to advance the development of public
18 policy with respect to such issues, there is established a
19 John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program.

20 (b) SENATE FELLOWSHIPS.—The Heinz Family
21 Foundation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Sen-
22 ate, is authorized to select Senate fellowship participants.

23 (c) SELECTION PROCESS.—The Heinz Family Foun-
24 dation shall—

- 1 (1) publicize the availability of the fellowship
- 2 program;
- 3 (2) develop and administer an application proc-
- 4 ess for Senate fellowships; and
- 5 (3) conduct a screening of applicants for the
- 6 fellowship program.

7 **SEC. 4. COMPENSATION; NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS;**
 8 **PLACEMENT.**

9 (a) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary of the Senate is
 10 authorized, from funds made available under section 5, to
 11 appoint and fix the compensation of each eligible partici-
 12 pant selected under this Act for a period determined by
 13 the Secretary.

14 (b) NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS.—No more than 2
 15 fellowship participants shall be so employed. Any indi-
 16 vidual appointed pursuant to this Act shall be subject to
 17 all laws, regulations and rules in the same manner and
 18 to the same extent as any other employee of the Senate.

19 (c) PLACEMENT.—The Secretary of the Senate, after
 20 consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Lead-
 21 er of the Senate, shall place eligible participants in posi-
 22 tions in the Senate that are, within practical consider-
 23 ations, supportive of the fellowship participants' areas of
 24 expertise.

1 **SEC. 5. FUNDS.**

2 The funds necessary to compensate eligible partici-
3 pants under this Act for fiscal year 1999 shall be paid
4 from the contingent fund of the Senate. Such funds shall
5 not exceed, for fiscal year 1999, \$71,000. There are au-
6 thorized to be appropriated \$71,000 for each of the fiscal
7 years 2000 through 2004 to carry out the provisions of
8 this Act.

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